

EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION

June 8, 2005

Scheduled Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Scott Bowie (Chairman), Sharon Cossaboon (Vicechairman), Denise Bowie (Secretary), Members: Mary Ann Keen, Anne Keen, Gail Brown, Mary Brower, Phyllis Snyder, Roy Kolb and Charles Bender (resident)

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

Old Business:

Minutes from the April meeting were reviewed. M. Keen moved to accept the minutes as amended which was seconded by M. Brower.

Town Tours and Village Walks

Tour brochures have been distributed at the Kolb Farm Store, Parker Ford Station and the Parker Ford Post Office.

M. Brower provided property use permission letters from the Baptist and Brethren churches which are included in the tour.

As a result of S. Bowie coordination with the police, the tour start time was changed until 6:00 PM. This change will minimize the impact the road closings will have on rush hour traffic. Fire Police will block Bethel Church Road and Baptist Church Roads and an ambulance will be stationed at the Brethren Church.

A bread dough trough from the bakery was donated by Mr. & Mrs. Linwood Kolb for use during the tour. There will be a notation posted on the billboard at that location acknowledging their contribution.

S. Bowie will assist M. Keen in her preparation of the cost estimate for refreshments for the tour.

P. Snyder & G. Brown prepared a summary for the majority of the tour properties to be included in a handout.

Historical Commission members are to contact S. Bowie with any difficulties encountered in preparation, guide prospects, etc. if assistance is required. The final walk through will be held on July 17, 2005 at 1 or 1:30 PM (final time to be confirmed).

Township Zoning Ordinance

R. Kolb and S. Bowie reviewed the Historic Commission section of the final version of the zoning ordinance which is under review for supervisor approval. S. Bowie will provide copies of the ordinance to members interested in reviewing and submitting comments. S. Bowie is to coordinate with the township to ensure that the Historic Resources Map, previously submitted to supervisor R. Preston, meets the intent of the map referenced by ordinance.

Calendars for 2005

S. Bowie posed the question of whether to use the new pictures or to add old pictures of the structures as a before/after view in the calendars. The commission decided to try use before and after pictures of the houses for this year's calendar if pictures are available.

M. Brower and A. Keen want to be involved in the calendar production but have requested that they not be involved in the marketing and financial end of the calendar. A volunteer will be solicited from the group to assume oversight of those tasks.

The quantity of calendars to be printed was decreased to 300 to ensure sales of all calendars.

A discussion was held at resulting from M. Brower's comments that the calendar property locations be kept secret and not communicated to Historical Commission members. It was decided that the

members need to know to support research but addresses will not be advertised to the public. It was highlighted that property owners signed permission waivers and that if they still have concerns their property will not be included in the calendar. It was also noted that the majority of properties are visible from public roadways.

M. Brower is to obtain 3 bids for the printing prior to getting a printing contract for this year's calendars.

Miscellaneous:

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.